

Mid Maine Sustainability Coalition
Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting
KVCAP
April 16, 2009

Participants: Jim Wood, Rosemary Winslow, Peter Garrett, Chris Huck, Ann Beverage, Ellery Keene

The group continued discussions on Objective II Improve Transportation Efficiency and Choices;

Project 2 – Improve and Expand Public Transportation

For the past year, KVCAP and MaineDOT contracted with Transit Planning Specialist Tom Crikelair to conduct a transit needs assessment for the Great Waterville and Augusta areas. Tom has developed a draft bus schedule for the Waterville – Fairfield area that would substantially improve transit access for Waterville citizens including areas of town not currently served by KV Transit. Several members of the Transportation Sub-Committee participated in the Transit Advisory Group meetings held on April 8.

The group reviewed the map of the proposed routes and supports the concept as presented. Continue discussion focused on integrating the public transit plan with other initiatives such as Downtown revitalization efforts and options for bus stop locations in the downtown area. Important considerations will be access for buses traveling in multiple directions, access for pedestrians and bicycle users. Shannon Haines will be invited to the next meeting to involve her in the discussions.

The group also discussed potential ways to fund the project as it will require a significantly increased public investment to cover local match requirements for FTA grant funding. The group will enlist the assistance of the Finance Group led by Doug Carnric in that effort.

Peter presented information on the 2009 Active Communities Conference being held on May 12 at the Harraseeket Inn in Freeport. The focus of the Conference is Walking, Biking, Physical Activity and the Built Environment. There is no registration fee for attending.

Chris suggested Development of Park and Ride lots as a topic for the next meeting.

The group will plan to meet monthly. Next meeting date 5/21 (Postponed to 6/11).